AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

--Figure 2 diagrammatically reflects a curved typical relation according to the invention between a friction coefficient or parameter, linearly parameterised along the Y-axis of the figure, and a "belt and oil features" parameter L, alternatively Lubrication number L, logarithmically expressed along the X-axis. The parameter L is calculated utilising the dimensionless number

$$L = \frac{\eta_0 V_r}{p_{av} R_a{}'}$$

(2)

in which:

L = a lubrication number or parameter in accordance with an insight underlying the invention;

V_r = the relative speed between the two contacting surfaces, here of the inner belt ring and a transverse element's saddle;

η_0 = the dynamic viscosity parameter of the lubricating medium at ambient pressure;

Pav = the average Herzian stress within the band/saddle contact;

[[Ra]] <u>Ra'</u> = the combined surface roughness Ra' of both saddle and ring surface.--